

Today's
Advertisements.THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALLUnder the direction of Mr. ROBERT BROUGH.
Representative—Mr. HAMILTON.THIS EVENING.
(TUESDAY) the 8th March, 1898.
Commencing at 8 P.M.THE
COMEDY COMPANY.THIS EVENING.
POSITIVELY LAST NIGHT
OF"THE AMAZONS."
"THE AMAZONS."
A FARCICAL ROMANCE BY A. W. PINERO.WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
9th and 10th March,
"A VILLAGE PRIEST."
"A VILLAGE PRIEST."
BY SYDNEY GARDINER.FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
11th and 12th March,
"AN IDEAL HUSBAND."
"AN IDEAL HUSBAND."
BY OSCAR WILDE.PRICES OF ADMISSION.
DRESS CIRCLE AND ORCHESTRA STALLS \$3
STALLS \$2
PIT \$1Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price
to the Pit only.Doors open 8.15 P.M. Curtain 9 P.M.
Box Plan now open at the ROBINSON Piano
Co.'s Warehouse.A Late Train for the Peak will leave each
evening fifteen minutes after the fall of the
curtain.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [320]

POSTPONEMENT.
ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FINANCE
COMMITTEE.THE MEETING OF THE ALICE MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL FINANCE COMMITTEE
arranged for TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY)
has been postponed, until NEXT FRIDAY,
the 11th inst., at 5.15 P.M.R. M. GIBSON,
Secretary. [324]1898-99.
SEALED TENDERS to Duplicate will be
received at the R. N. HOSPITAL until
10 A.M. on the 20th March, 1898, from persons
desirous of supplying BEEF, MUTTON, FOWLS,
BREAD, PURE COW'S MILK, AERATED
WATERS, ICE, and other provisions and
necessaries for the year ending 31st March,
1899.Sealed Tenders in duplicate will also be
received for the Hospital Washing, and for
Coal (Alkali's).Printed Forms of Tender and further particu-
lars can be obtained at the R. N. HOSPITAL.
The right to reject the lowest or any Tender
is reserved.R. N. HOSPITAL
Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [325]THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.
(In Liquidation).NOTICE is hereby given that a SECOND
and FINAL RETURN OF CAPITAL,
amounting to \$275 per Share has been declared
in this matter.Upon delivery of Scrip to the Liquidator for
Cancellation at his Office on or after the 21st
instant each Shareholder will receive an Order
on the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI CORPORA-
TION in full settlement of his Claims against the
Company.Shareholders who have not collected yet the
First Return of Capital, amounting to \$7.50 per
share, declared on the 31st August, 1897, are
requested to do so without further delay to
enable the final winding up of this Company.Hongkong, 8th day of March, 1898.
J. GOOSMANN,
Liquidator.c/o Messrs. MELCHERS & Co.,
Praya Central. [326]CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Company's Steamship"KASHING,"
Captain Hopkins, will be despatched TO-
MORROW, the 9th instant, at 2 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [325]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.
THE Company's Steamship"YUENSANG,"
Captain J. Kynoch, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 9th instant, at 2 P.M.
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for First-class Passengers.For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [349]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY, LAUNCESTON
AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TSHAN,"
Captain Ramsay, will be despatched on
TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at 3 P.M.
The attention of Passengers is directed to the
Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer.
The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the
Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the
Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire
voyage.A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the
Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company
to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return
by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN
S.S. Co. and vice versa.For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [359]

PESHAWUR.
FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [354 355]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship"PESHAWUR,"
FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which
no Claims will be recognized.H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [5 1-7]

Today's
Advertisements.NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.STEAM TO
YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
THE Company's Steamship"HOHENZOLLERN,"
Captain H. Bloker, will leave for the above Ports
TO-MORROW, the 9th instant, at 4 P.M.
For further Particulars apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [325]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
THE Company's Steamship"BAVERN,"
Captain E. Prehn, will leave for the above
place TO-MORROW, the 9th instant, at 4 P.M.
For further Particulars apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [325]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship"THALES,"
Captain Hall, will be despatched for the
above Ports on THURSDAY, the 10th instant,
at Daylight.For Freight or Passage apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [337]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN.
THE Company's Steamship"DEUCALION,"
Captain Branch, will be despatched on
THURSDAY, the 10th instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [327]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.
THE Company's Steamship"NANYANG,"
Captain Lehmann, will be despatched for the
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 11th instant,
at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [328]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship"PROMETHEUS,"
Captain Gray, will be despatched as above
on MONDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon.For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [320]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship"PATROCLUS,"
Captain Dickens, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 19th instant.For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [320]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"
Captain Nelson, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 3 P.M.The attention of Passengers is directed to the
Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer.
The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the
Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the
Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire
voyage.A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the
Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
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by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN
S.S. Co. and vice versa.For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Agents.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [320]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods will be delivered from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on
board after 4 P.M. of the 9th inst. will be landed
at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns
at East Point.No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [354 355]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship"PESHAWUR,"
FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which
no Claims will be recognized.H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [5 1-7]

Today's
Advertisements.NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BAVERN,"

THE above named steamer having arrived,
Consignees of cargo are hereby informed
that their goods, with the exception of Opium,
Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and
stored at their risk into the Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery
may be obtained.Optical cargo will go on to Shanghai unless
notice to the contrary be given THIS AFTER-
NOON, at 4 P.M.No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 15th instant will be sub-
ject to rent.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on MONDAY, the 14th, and THURSDAY,
the 17th instant, at 9 A.M.All claims must reach us before the 20th
instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [325]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYVADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and
other Large Consumers.Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30]

CAROLINEUM-AVENARIUS
USED FOR OVER 20 YEARS.
With the Utmost Success.Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood
and Stone against White Ant, Decay, Fungus
Rot and Dampness.Sole Agents for China,
LUTGENS, EINSTAMN & Co.
Hongkong, 11th September 1895. [10]MITSUBI BUSSAN
No. 5, 1st House Street, Praya Central.

Head Office—TOKIO.

Branch Office—
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOMBAY,
SINGAPORE, SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN,
NEWCHANG, and all Ports in JAPAN.Agents—
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd.,
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Osaka, Japan.On the 20th February, 1898, on the M. M.
Yarra between Singapore and Colombo, EDWIN
TOMLIN late of Hongkong and Shanghai, aged
36 years. [365]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1898.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The special telegram which we publish
to-day is of such a highly sensational
nature that we feel bound to discount it,
although we have several times found that
scepticism in regard to our special corre-
spondents in the north is a mistake. We
were strongly inclined to disbelieve the
story of a coalition of the powerful Yangtze
Valley satraps to supersede the author-
ity of the reigning dynasty; but we have
since received remarkable corroboration
from private sources of the highest reli-
ability. Of course, the conspiracy may
come to nothing, but we are now con-
vinced that it exists. So we hesitate to
disbelieve this Japanese ultimatum. If
true, it means war for certain; and it is
equally certain that Britain will have to
side with Japan if hostilities cannot be
avoided.This afternoon we hear that a promi-
nent mercantile firm has received a tele-
gram in substantially the same terms as
ours, namely that Japan has demanded the
evacuation of Port Arthur by Russia with-
in five days. However, it may be nothing
more than an amicable request; suppos-
ing that, as Reuter says, Russia is "negotiat-
ing to leave Port Arthur," &c., is argu-
ing with other Powers on the ques-
tion of leaving; it is perfectly natural that
Japan should hope to see the Russians
away soon. If Japan has made any such
suggestion, possibly without any idea of
demanding or blustering but simply as a
polite and deferential indication of her
views, rumour would easily construe the
remark as a downright request; and, in
the circumstances, such a request would
be an ultimatum.Our own idea is that the Powers are
all negotiating with each other in perfect
friendship; that they are all making mutual
concessions; that Russia has been in all
courtesy reminded that the presence of her
fleet at Port Arthur looks slightly unpacific,
or at any rate is not welcome to certain
other powers; that Russia in reply has of
course professed her amicable intentions
but has communicated a willingness to
oblige the other powers by clearing out if
the other powers will do something in re-
turn, and finally that they have been
negotiating on this basis, and for the
purpose of settling terms; the minor
question has arisen—when should
Russia leave Port Arthur. This would
be perfectly friendly, we conceive, that it
would be very nice and pleasant all round
if Russia could conveniently make five
days of it; and that Russia has not
necessarily taken offence but may be
simply asking, "Very well, if we do what
shall we get in return?"This, we say, is possible and we prefer
always to take a pacific view when possi-
ble. If this is not the correct view then
we can only conclude that Japan is trying
a bluff in order to drive England into a
fight, willily nilly. In that case probably
Russia will not become aggressive at once
but will communicate with the other
powers a suggestion that influence ought
to be brought on Japan to be a trifle less
obnoxious and probably Japan will have
to submit. It is not possible that England
would support Japan in that attitude—of
that we feel certain.Mail after mail brings us papers from
England, from India, from Australia,
giving here and there fresh evidence that
the public has been completely and most
grossly deceived by Mr. JAMES ALLAN's
book "Under the Dragon Flag," purport-
ing to describe the capture of Port Arthur
by the Japanese. Probably Mr. ALLAN
did not deliberately desire—perhaps he
had not the audacity to believe himself
able—to mislead the whole world and to
falsify a page of the history of nations.
Perhaps he had no thought of anything
beyond making money by a book—good,
bad, or indifferent, provided it should pay.
But momentous issues are sometimes
of paltry origin. Although Mr. JAMES ALLAN
was never heard of before, as far
as we know, still there is no
doubt that his book is attracting a large
amount of attention and is being taken
seriously. The principal London papers
seem to swallow his nasty mass of gore and
entrails with gusto. Many papers print
copious extracts from the most sanguinary
and revolting parts of Mr. ALLAN's fas-
cinating fiction. The general
public is, we regret to say, sometimes
easily gulled and seems to have a remark-
able avidity for the most carnal-coloured
claptrap. We do not say this of every-
body, but we do say this of a large section
of the reading public only to prove to reveal
in what is disgusting. "The floor was two
or three inches deep in thickening blood
and the entrails of the mutilated bodies."
That is what people like, and Mr. ALLAN,
with a ferocious cynicism, lets them have
it.How should the public know it is all
untrue, and how much does the public care
what is true? Truth is an expensive
luxury in literature. Even that most
successful champion of plain speaking,
RUDYARD KIPPLING, has his detractors, and
only a KIPPLING can speak the truth so
forcibly without ruining himself. Of
all the things that people read, truth forms
only a very small percentage. As a rule,
swaddle pays best and the best payingkind of twaddle is the lurid, ghastly kind
such as Mr. ALLAN has given. Our re-
viewer, in dealing somewhat severely with
Mr. ALLAN's book last week, omitted to
give him credit for something which is now
evident from the home papers, namely,
that he well knows what the public wants.
The reviews we have seen, praise his
book; the *Telegraph* stands alone. Evidently,
then, Mr. ALLAN and the rest of the world
must be right and the *Telegraph* wrong.
Very well, we will remain wrong; we will
persist, in defiance of universal opinion, in
saying that Mr. ALLAN is a shameless
impostor, that his book is a wicked libel
on the Japanese and a dangerous misrepresen-
tation from a political point of view,
and that the reception accorded to it by
the public shows a most deplorable craving
for sanguinary sensationalism.

TELEGRAMS.

["HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SPECIAL.]

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

ANOTHER WAR SCARE.
PROBABLY A "BUNDER."

TIENTSIN, March 8th.

Japan has given Russia five days notice
to quit Port Arthur. The Garrison of
Weihaiwei has been doubled. All Japa-
nese steamers have been ordered to stay in
Japanese waters.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.
LONDON, March 6th.Spain has requested the recall of Mr. Lo, the
United States Consul at Havana, and the
substitution of merchantmen for warships con-
veying relief to distressed Cubans. The United
States declined to accede to the request under
the present circumstances.WEST AFRICA.
The Niger Company has despatched a force
to Sokoto to assist the Sultan in the event of the
French refusing to recross the Niger.RESIGNATION OF THE AUSTRIAN
MINISTRY.

The Austrian Ministry has resigned.

RUSSIA AND PORT ARTHUR.

Russia is negotiating to leave Port Arthur.

[This is a strange statement, but it is the correct
rendering of the telegram. Presumably it
means that Russia is offering to leave Port
Arthur on certain conditions not stated.]At 10 o'clock this evening we were informed
that the word "leave" is to be used for the word
"leave" in Reuter's message referring to Russia
and Port Arthur, which it will be seen, throws
a very different light upon the subject, and,
indeed, alters the whole aspect of affairs.

DUELS ON THE CONTINENT.

Colonels Pléquet and Henry have fought a
duel in Paris with swords on account of a quar-
rel arising from the Zola trial. Colonel Henry
was wounded in the forehead.Two members of the Italian Chamber of
Deputies, Signor Cavallotti and Signor Macola,
fought a duel with swords, on account of a ju-
ralistic dispute. Signor Cavallotti was killed.

LORD SALISBURY.

Lord Salisbury is progressing favourably, but
is still extremely weak.

